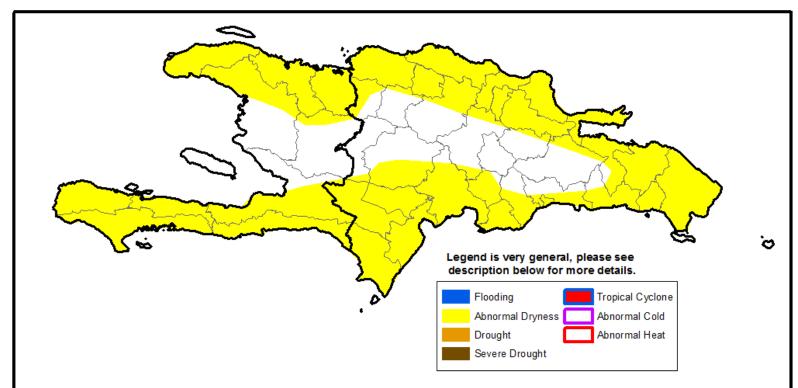


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook July 02 – July 08, 2015

Decreased, and poorly distributed rains received during the last week



Following a period of increased favorable precipitation during the middle of June, reduced amounts of seasonal rainfall were received throughout many areas in Hispaniola during the last seven days. Satellite rainfall estimates show the weekly highest rainfall accumulations (25-50mm) over eastern Dominican Republic, with much lesser, and poorly distributed amounts received over western Dominican Republic and in Haiti. Since late May, below-average seasonal rainfall has led to considerable moisture deficits across much of the island, with the strongest negative anomalies concentrated along the southern coastline of Hispaniola. Many local areas in southern Hispaniola have experienced less than 50 percent of their normal, climatological accumulation since early April. Satellite derived vegetation indicators continue to reflect this seasonal dryness, suggesting moisture stressed ground conditions that are unfavorable for cropping and pastoral activities this season. For the upcoming outlook period, precipitation models suggest another week of suppressed rainfall for much of the island, with the potential for only local, moderate shower activity. The suppressed rainfall forecast is expected to worsen ground conditions already experiencing seasonal anomalous dryness.